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SUBJECT: KOREAN POLLOCK FISHERY IN BERING SEA

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1. SUGGEST RESPONSE ALONG FOLLOWING LINES TO INQUIRIES RE
USG ATTITUDE TOWARD EXPANSION OF KOREAN POLLOCK FISHERY:

A. AS NOTED AT US-ROK WORKING GROUP MEETING IN SEOUL,
NOVEMBER 12-14, 1973, US SERIOUSLY CONCERNED ABOUT HEAVY
EXPLOITATION OF ALASKA POLLOCK IN EASTERN BERING SEA,
ESPECIALLY BY JAPAN, AND NEED FOR CONSERVATION. SIGNS OF
BIOLOGICAL STRESS IN ALASKA POLLOCK RESOURCE INDICATE THAT
CURRENT TOTAL CATCH SHOULD PROBABLY BE REDUCED.

B. US UNDERSTANDS JAPAN PLANS TO REDUCE ITS ALASKA POLLOCK
CATCH IN BERING SEA IN 1974 ON BASIS THAT 1973 CATCH WAS
HIGHER THAN OPTIMUM CATCH LEVEL FOR THE SPECIES.

C. US UNDERSTANDS ROK WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS CONSER-
VATION OF POLLOCK AT 1974 WORKING GROUP MEETING AT SEATTLE.

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2. WE WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION ON DETAILS OF AREAS WHERE KOREAN EXPANSION OF POLLOCK FISHERY LIKELY TO TAKE PLACE. US CONCERN WOULD BE LESSENER IF MAJOR EXPANSION LIKELY TO TAKE PLACE ONLY IN WESTERN BERING SEA AND NORTH-WESTERN PACIFIC. WE NOTE REFTEL INDICATED DEPLOYMENT OF WILLEM BARENDZ QTE EAST OF KAMCHATKA PENINSULA END QTE. KISSINGER

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